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RIDGEWAY, OES/OFA, AND L/OES

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SUBJECT: US-BRAZIL SHRIMP AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

1. BRAZIL SHRIMP TALKS STALLED ON DIFFERENCES IN VIEW OVER
NUMBER OF VESSELS AND FEES. BRAZIL OFFERED U.S. OPTIONS AS
FOLLOWS: (1) 90 VESSELS AUTHORIZED TO FISH IN ANY QUARTER
WITH 60 VESSELS IN THE AREA AT ANY ONE TIME; FEE \$4,000; OR
(2) 75 VESSELS AUTHORIZED AND IN THE AREA AT ONE TIME
AT A FEE OF \$4,400. CHIEF BRAZILIAN NEGOTIATOR PINHEIRO
STATED THAT THE FIGURES WERE FIXED AT THE "HIGHEST LEVEL IN
THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT", AND INFORMED U.S. NEGOTIATOR
INFORMALLY THAT THE DECISION WAS LINKED TO THE ATMOSPHERE
SURROUNDING FORTHCOMING TALKS WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER.
U.S. HEAD OF DELEGATION FEELS LITTLE CHANCE FOR FLEXIBILITY
IN NUMBERS BUT FEE MAY STILL BE NEGOTIABLE. U.S. INDUSTRY
REPS PREFER 75 VESSEL OPTION OF THE TWO BUT FLATLY REJECT BOTH
SINCE THERE IS NO WAY TO ALLOCATE REDUCTION. REPS UNWILLING TO
PUT BOATS IN THE AREA ON THE BASIS OF BRAZILIAN ALLOCATION,
WHICH THEY SEE AS UNWORKABLE. U.S. SIDE HAS STRESSED NEED TO
PRESERVE PRESENT 99 LICENCES FOR THE ABOVE REASON, TO NO EFFECT.
BRAZIL SEEMS CONCERNED OVER LOSS OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN
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THE AREA AND THIS FACTOR COULD ENCOURAGE SOME RECONSIDERATION.
IN VIEW OF THE INDUSTRY REJECTION, AND UNLESS INSTRUCTED
OTHERWISE, U.S. CHIEF OF DEL INTENDS TO HOLD TIGHT TO 99
BOAT FIGURE. IN THAT EVENT, COLLAPSE OF NEGOTIATIONS IS
LIKELY WITH INDUSTRY WITHDRAWING FROM AREA. INDUSTRY REPS
WILL OPENLY OPPOSE ANY AGREEMENT BASED ON BRAZILIAN TERMS
AND ARE RAISING QUESTIONS OF APPLICATION SECTION 205.

BRAZILIAN DEL, DESPITE OBVIOUS DIFFICULTIES, HAVE WORKED DILIGENTLY TOWARD A SOLUTION IN A CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE. ACCORDINGLY, CLINGAN ADVISED INDUSTRY REPS THAT IT WAS HIS VIEW THAT THE FMCA REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET.

2. PRINCIPLES WILL MEET TODAY AND SUNDAY AS NECESSARY TO SEE IF THERE CAN BE AN ACCOMMODATION BUT THE PROGNOSIS IS AT THIS POINT POOR.
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